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Frank A. LoBiondo, MC

The Honorable Frank LoBiondo
2nd Congressional District, New Jersey
2427 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: Improvements to the Interchange of State Routes 55 & 47 (Exit 27)
City of Millville, Cumberland County**

Dear Congressman LoBiondo:

As Director of the Cumberland County Board of Freeholders, I am writing to solicit your support for a set of critical transportation improvements in the vicinity of the intersection of State Routes 55 and 47 in the City of Millville.

As you may be aware, this section of Cumberland County has experienced a significant amount of recent development with both the opening of the nearby New Jersey Motorsports Park and the proposed mixed-use development in the area south of State Route 55 and west of State Route 47. This concentrated level of development in a short period of time has necessitated improvements to the regional transportation network, including additional egress off of State Route 55 and the construction of local roads running adjacent to State Route 47.

With State Route 55 acting as the primary route for visitors traveling from the north, slip ramps and other improvements at the State Route 47 intersection are needed to accommodate current and future traffic demands. These roadway improvements will have a positive impact for all County residents, as both travelers from Vineland, located directly to the north, and commuters from throughout the region that rely on State Routes 55 and 47 will benefit from improved access.

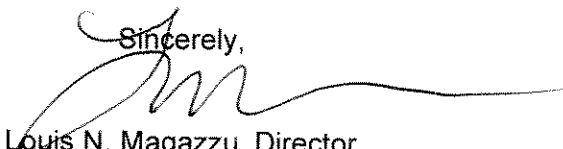
With this information in mind, I would respectfully request your assistance in securing federal funding for the improvements related to the interchange of State Routes 55 & 47. The City of Millville has partnered with Goodman Properties, a regional real estate developer, to provide the necessary local matching funds for any future federal award. As your colleagues begin to consider several federal transportation funding vehicles, including the FY 2010 appropriations cycle and the reauthorization of the Transportation Equity Act, your support of this project will be critical to its ultimate success.



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Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to working with you and your staff to continue to improve the transportation network and quality of life for residents in and around Cumberland County.

Sincerely,



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Cumberland County Board of Freeholders